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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants request amendment of this application to state the following in the line following the title, on page 1:

-- Statement Regarding Federally Sponsorship

[001] Some of the inventions c escribed herein were made with government support under contract No. DAAH01-98-C-F 053 awarded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. The government may have certain rights in the invention. --

Respectfully Submitted,

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Applicants) hereby petitions for any ext msion of time or for any other grounds needed to make this submission timely and proper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this submission and not otherwise covered by payment included herewish, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500088.

I hereby certify that, on the date indicated below, this correspondence was sent by fax to the Commissioner for Patents, at (703) 872-9306.

Date: 12/10/03